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Re: Docket Numbers: 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197

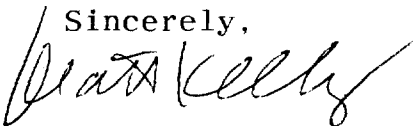
Dear FDA:

We are writing to give public input into Docket Numbers: 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197, all relating to the practice of "forced Molting" of hens. We are absolutely opposed to this cruel and reckless practice.

1. The practice should be banned. It is cruel, barbaric, and uncivilized. This should be the end of the story, but...
2. The practice is dangerous to human health. By stressing the birds, their immune systems are destroyed, thereby causing a super breeding ground for pathogens, which can then vector their way, through poisoned eggs, into people.
3. FDA can at minimal require consumer warning labels on egg cartons. Are you going to wait till a disaster hits, as with the Mad Cow situation in England?

The FDA was petitioned back in April 1988 for this same thing. You cannot deny that cruelty and contamination are linked in this situation. Please do the right thing, if not for the sake of the hens, then for the sake of the health of Americans.

Sincerely,



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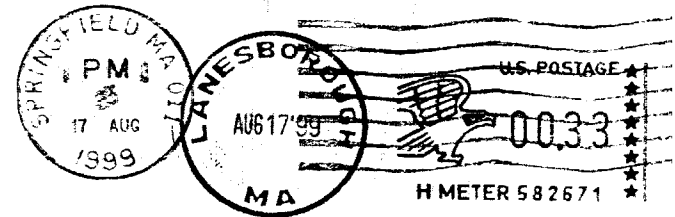


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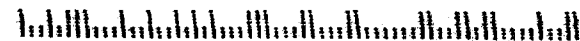
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